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Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED:—" May I ask whether the nature of the constitution of the Committee is not responsible for such books being prescribed? "

The hon. the PRESIDENT:—" That is too far-fetched a supplementary question."

Text-books for non-detailed study in Indian languages for the S.S.L.C. Examination, 1934, *and the T.S.L.C. Examination,* 1935.

* 177 *Q.*—Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the recommendations of the Advisory Committees for text-books for non-detailed study in Indian languages for the S.S.L.C. Public Examination of 1934, and the T.S.L.C. Examination of 1935 have been received and, if so, when they were received for each of the languages;

(*b*) whether they have been approved by the Director of Public Instruction and the necessary intimation sent to the publishers; if so, when; and

(*c*) if the answer to clause (*b*) is in the negative, the reasons for the delay in sending the necessary intimation to the publishers concerned?

A.—(*a*) Yes. The statement[a] appended shows the dates on which they were received.

(*b*) & (*c*) All the books except one in Tamil have been approved by the Director. The dates on which intimation was sent to the publishers are shown in the statement referred to in the answer to clause (*a*). The Tamil publication referred to above was not approved as its prescription would be a violation of the practice according to which a book is not accepted unless five years have elapsed since a book written by the same author was last prescribed.

Constant changes in the text-books for lower classes and forms.

* 178 *Q.*—Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any rule of the Education Department requiring the managements of schools, public and private, to change the text-books for the lower classes and forms from year to year;

(*b*) if so, when the rule was made and what the reason is for the rule;

(*c*) if not, why in almost all Government schools all text-books are changed from year to year for all the lower classes and high school forms;

[a] Printed as Appendix II on page 238 infra.

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(*d*) whether representations have been made to the authorities complaining that great hardship, loss and inconvenience are caused to the parents of pupils by the constant changes in the text-books prescribed; and

(*e*) what steps the Government propose to take to prevent this practice by the managements?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) There is no such rule.

(*c*) It is not a fact that in almost all Government schools all text-books are changed from year to year.

(*d*) & (*e*) No complaints have been received about changes of text-books in Government schools.

Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar:—"May I enquire whether the Government are not aware that in recent years there have been constant changes in the books prescribed?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—"As I have stated in reply to the question on paper, no complaints have been received; but the matter will be examined."

Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar:—"My question is whether the Government are aware and not whether representations have been received by them?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—"No, Sir. The Government are not aware."

Mr. M. A. Manikkavelu Nayakar:—"May I ask whether the hon. Minister will find out whether text-books are changed from year to year and, if so, whether he will take steps to prevent the same?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—"I will enquire and, if there is any abuse, I shall consider what action has to be taken."

Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari:—"Have the Government received any report from the taluk boards, through their educational officers, on the subject?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—"Government have not received any report on the subject."

Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan:—"Is it a fact that even though there is a large committee, ultimately it is one gentleman who is responsible for prescribing the text-books?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—"I do not think so."

Mr. Sami Venkatachalam Chetti:—"Have the Government issued circulars to the taluk boards recommending the introduction of particular text-books?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—"No."

Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed:—"Will they be pleased to issue a rule that for a prescribed minimum period text-books should not be changed?"

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The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"The Government have no such proposal before them."

Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—"May I ask whether the Government have called for statistics from the various schools, both private and Government, as regards the changes in text-books and how often they have been changed during the last five years?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"That will be part of the examination which I said I am intending to make."

Hardship caused by the frequent change of text-books.

* 179 *Q.*—Mr. C. BASU DEV: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether representations have been received by the Government drawing their attention to the great hardship caused to the parents and guardians of school-going children by the frequent change of school text-books; and

(*b*) if so, what action they have taken so far and propose to take in the future?

A.—(*a*) No such representations have been received by the Government.

(*b*) Does not arise. A circular was, however, issued last year to presidents of district educational councils pointing out that the duty of selecting books for use in elementary schools rested entirely with the school authorities and that it was not one of the functions of district educational councils or their presidents to prescribe text-books.

Appointment of tabulators to tabulate the results of the S.S.L.C. and the T.S.L.C. examinations.

* 180 *Q.*—Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the qualifications are for persons for being appointed as tabulators to tabulate the results of the S.S.L.C. and T.S.L.C. examinations;

(*b*) whether the tabulators for the examinations of 1932 were approved by the Director of Public Instruction;

(*c*) how many tabulators were appointed in that year and how many of them were Muhammadans;

(*d*) how many Muhammadans were appointed as tabulators during the immediately preceding five years;

(*e*) what the rates of remuneration allowed to these tabulators are;

(*f*) whether in 1932 and 1933 tabulation clerks were also employed and, if so, what the rates of remuneration paid to them were; and

(*g*) how long the tabulation lasted in each of the years?